IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CHRISTIE HARR,) Civil Action No: 2:21-cv-1560
Plaintiff,)
VS.) Honorable W. Scott Hardy
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WASHINGTON AREA HUMANE SOCIETY,)
HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED) Electronically Filed
STATES, HUMANE ANIMAL RESCUE,)
ESTATE OF GLEN L. THOMSON, LAURA)
KOIVULA, SHALIMAR OLIVER, SAMUEL)
JENESKY, LEANA STORMONT, KELLY)
PROUDFIT, KEN JERICHO, STEVEN)
TOPRANI, MARVIN DAVIS, JOHN W.)
PECK, JAMES R. HOPSON, JOHN DOES 1)
THROUGH 50,)
Defendants.)

MOTION TO LIFT STAY

AND NOW, come Defendants collectively through their respective counsel and file the within Motion to Lift the Stay of all Civil Proceedings, averring in support thereof as follows:

- 1. Defendants collectively moved for a stay of the civil litigation on the basis that Plaintiff had been arrested in both Washington and Westmoreland Counties and was facing criminal prosecution in both counties. See ECF Document No. 43, 44 and 45.
 - 2. Plaintiff consented to the stay. See ECF Document No. 50.
- 3. Thereafter the Court entered an Order staying the case until "...the conclusion of the criminal proceedings against Christie Harr." See ECF Document No. 51.
- 4. On September 9, 2022, the prosecution of Plaintiff appears to have concluded at a hearing in the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County.

- 5. The Westmoreland and Washington County prosecutions were consolidated and both occurred in Washington County. See attached hereto the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County Criminal Court Docket CP-63-CR-0000205-2020 and Court of Common Pleas of Washington County Criminal Court Docket CP-63-CR-0001186-2020, collectively marked as Exhibit "A".
- 6. Both Dockets reflect that Plaintiff entered a guilty plea on September 9, 2020 to neglect of animals sustenance/water, third-degree misdemeanor (18 Pa.CS § 5532 §§A1). See Exhibit "A".
- 7. However, court orders issued subsequent to the hearing reflect that Plaintiff pled Nolo Contendere as evidenced by the attached "Order of Sentence" and related documents, collectively marked as Exhibit "B".
- 8. Plaintiff received a sentence of one year of probation in each of the cases to run consecutively. See Exhibits "A" and "B".
- 9. Additional conditions included a mental health evaluation, she was not to possess any animals and she was to have no contact with the animals that were seized from her property. See Exhibits "A" and "B".
- 10. With the conclusion of Plaintiff's criminal court cases and on information and belief that there are no other criminal cases arising out of the search of her properties in Westmoreland and Washington Counties and seizure of animals from each property, it is appropriate at this time to lift the stay of this matter and proceed with the Civil Rights case which Plaintiff brought in this Court.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that the Court enter an Order consistent with the proposed Order filed contemporaneously with this Motion.

Dated this 17th day of October, 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **MOTION TO STAY ALL CIVIL PROCEEDINGS** has been served upon the following this 17th day of October, 2022, via email and/or First-Class Mail, postage-prepaid, as follows:

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